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TAGS FREL, PTER, MARR, PK  
SUBJECT: KAYANI IS "DESPERATE" FOR HELICOPTERS

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson, for reasons 1.4 (b)(d)

1. (C) Summary and Action Request. In a two hour conversation with Ambassador May 23, Chief of Army Staff General Kayani told Ambassador he was Summary and Action Request.
2. (C) In a two hour conversation May 23 (septel) Chief of Army Staff General Kayani told Ambassador he was "desperate" for helicopter support
3. (C) Kayani said he did not need U.S. help on maintenance: the Cobras were twenty-five years old and had been maintained by Pakistani techni
4. (C) Embassy understands that the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (INKSNA) waiver that enables the USG potentially to proc
5. (C) Alternately, if the supplemental is not passed in time, the Mission can advise the GOP to use its FMF to buy or lease MI-17 helicopters ISLAMABAD 00001119 002 OF 002 maintenance and logistics package in conjunction with the helicopters.
6. (C) Finally, we will require access to the helicopters above and beyond normal End Use Monitoring standards in order to certify the helicop
7. (C) Other helicopters in Pakistan's aviation fleet face equally troubling operational readiness and availability issues. We are searching f
8. (C) Comment: Embassy is aware that U.S. engagement with the Pakistani military has been frustrating. Transparency is often non-existent. Of PATTERSON